

**To:** Chairperson Schubart and Trustees  
**From:** Chief Tom Bremner  
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**Sub:** SSIFR Monthly Report (December / 2010)

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- Our American LaFrance pumper will arrive in February 2011. Our Mini Pumper is in the pre-construction phase.
- Call volume for 2010 ended at 624 compared to 2009 with 734. The reasons being; Category 3 type inspections (Machine Piles) are no longer being recorded as calls and we are down in medical & public assists. Out of the 624 calls 42 were staff daytime responses.
- The 2010 annual reviews / interview process with each individual member was completed by the Chief. Numerous valuable items were discussed and will be evaluated for action items in the coming year.
- Members continued to be busy this month with training, work duties and calls for assistance. In December the SSIFR responded to 42 **calls for assistance**.

**Response types were:**

First Responder	24
Hydro	2
Alarms	7
Complaints	4
Hazmat Alarms	1
Brush Fires	1
Motor Vehicle Incidents	1
Misc	2

- **Fire Inspection Division report:**

Commercial Inspections	61
Commercial Re-inspections	2
Responses to Emergencies	15
Category 3 Burn Pile Inspections	5
Fire preplanning training	5
Car seat Installations	1
Community Tours	3 (12 Children – 3 Adults)
Paperwork	Endless



- The month of December was productive despite being down one member due to holiday time, and the office being closed during some regular business days around Christmas. Inspection numbers include three major Residential type occupancies which have multiple units.
- Other Prevention news includes the initiation of a “Smoke Alarm Program” with resources provided by the Salt Spring Rotary Club. The aim of the program is to provide smoke alarms and public education of the importance of smoke alarms in the home, with the resounding message “Smoke Alarms Save Lives”. As of 2010, it is now the law in BC that every home have a working smoke alarm on every level, and this program will give every Salt Spring Island resident an opportunity to keep their family safe. Special thanks to the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club and members Chief Tom Bremner and Trustee Ron Chamney for initiating the provision of resources for this program.
- The SSIFR remains focused on the Superior Water Shuttle project and aims to conduct this test once we obtain an acceptable date from the Fire Underwriters.
- Burning permits are no longer required with the exception of Category 3 Machine piles which do need an inspection and permit before being authorized.
- Our annual “Recruitment Drive” completed with the selection of 8 recruits who will move forward into the recruitment class of 2011. Our three 2010 recruits have completed their requirements and moved into active firefighting duties.
- We continue to work on improvements to our communications system with the assistance from; CREST, Radioworks, our radio operators and staff.
- Chief requests an in-camera session.